

A newsletter for Indian Trails campers and friends.



# ITC Connection

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## March Respite Highlights



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Matt & Ben enjoying snacks.



Aimee



Yolanda



CMU volunteer and Missy



Heather and Lori Ann



Jason on the go!



Summer 2003 is almost here!



## Ugly Feet Contest



Everyone shed their socks for the camera at March Respite and look at some of these beauties....



# Summer 2003 Program Staff



## A Note from the Beave...

As I watched the snowflakes fall this afternoon outside my desk, I marveled at the fact that summer is just a few short weeks away. The staff is shaping up nicely. There are a few more spaces to be filled, but overall things are going well. I would like to take this time to introduce to you two new members of the summer program team. I am very excited to see both of them come on to the team; both of them bring a great deal of experience. I believe they will be a valuable asset to the ITC team.

P.S. We need to be collecting all of the empty, clean milk jugs we can find for Creative Camp. Please have any you save to ITC no later than July 19.

Adam Schurman will be joining the program staff for the summer. Adam is enthused about his new role at camp and is looking forward to the challenge. Having been a familiar face at ITC for the past 6 years, he is enjoying preparing for the summer. The smiling faces of campers are his most enjoyable part of being a member of the ITC team. Adam said, "It is a fun to see all the campers each year and see how friendships are started and renewed each summer. We plan to make the summer camp experience unforgettable for every camper." Growing up in Tallmadge Township, Adam will be making a short move to camp to start as a member of the programming staff for ITC.



Returning to ITC for his second summer, Mike Kelso is also excited about the job of preparing for the summer programs. Mike commented that "Programming is a challenging job to prepare, but vitally important for a successful summer." Having done programming for another camp, Mike is looking forward to the unique programming style ITC offers. "I am eager to meet the rest of the summer staff and get started preparing for the arrival of campers," Mike explained. "ITC has so much to offer for the summer and so many things we want to try." Originally from the Cadillac area, Mike and his wife, Amber, will be moving to ITC from the Grandville area as Mike joins the summer programming team.

**Staff at  
ITC**

Executive Director: Lynn Gust  
Facilities Director: Jim Gust  
Program Director: Beaver Trumble  
Development Director: Sandy Weir

Administrative Assistant: Gina Tisot  
Health Center Director: Marty Pyper  
Newsletter Manager: Amber Kelso

# Summer 2003 Sessions and Respites

## **Session I** June 29 - July 5 Adults 18 & Up

This session is designed with the adult camper in mind. Camper capacity is 80 campers. Activities may include: swimming, canoeing, archery, creative arts & crafts, nature, music and drama and ropes course. Evening Programs will include: Big Dance - A Night Under the Sea, A Night at the Gold Nugget, International Night, Council Fire and Fireworks. This session can bridge over to session II. Therefore, the adult camper attending Session I is eligible to enroll in Respite I and for Session II, Creative Camp. Partial registration is not permitted.

*Respite I* July 5 - July 6 This weekend is planned ONLY for those campers attending BOTH Session I and Session II. Partial registration is not permitted. Only 40 campers are eligible to enroll this weekend. Registration is based on a first come, first serve basis.

## **Session II** July 6 - July 12 Ages 12 & Up

Creative Camp is planned with more of a "non-traditional" ITC camping experience. Camper capacity is 80 campers. Campers will participate in the following: photography, story telling, creative crafts, Talent Search, and WITC Radio. Evening programs will consist of swimming, canoeing, and the BIG talent show the last night of camp.

*Respite II* July 12th - July 13 This weekend is planned ONLY for those campers attending BOTH Session II and Session III. Partial registration is not permitted. Only 40 campers are eligible to enroll in this weekend; registration is based on a first come, first serve basis.

## **Session III** July 13 - July 23 Teens ages 14-17

This session is the ever-popular Teen Session. Camper Capacity is 80 campers. If we could only harness the energy of this group and use it throughout the entire year. This session fills quickly so register soon. Daily activities will include swimming, archery, canoeing, recreation, creative crafts, music and drama, nature, and ropes course. Evening Programs will include International Night, ITC Drive-In Movie Theater, Fear Factor, Talent Show, Dance, Ice Cream Social, and Council Fire. We also will be having our annual boat trip on Spring Lake.

## **Session VI—A** Adventure Camp July 27 - August 2 Ages 12 & Up

This session is planned with a "non-traditional" ITC focus. Camper Capacity is 64. This session will focus on the adventure based programs that will be adapted to provide the campers with an exciting and rewarding experience. Campers will participate in the following: canoeing off camp (this is an add-on option, if a camper chooses to participate), weather, orienteering, Natural Adventures, and Ropes Course. The Evening Programs and Special Events will include Nature Programming, Swimming, Recreation, Archery, and Special Dance the last night.

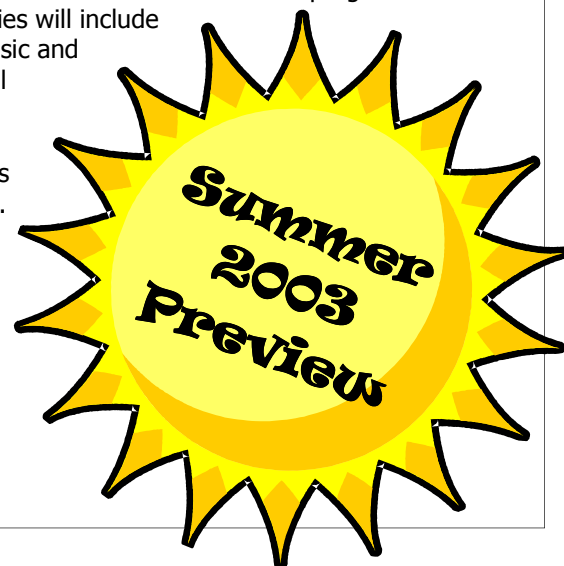
## **Session VI—B** Camp Kaleidoscope July 27 - August 1 Kids ages 6-13

During this session camp is filled with campers of all abilities. Camp Capacity is 32. This is a great opportunity for campers to share ITC with their siblings, schoolmates, neighbors and friends. Campers attending this session do not have to have a physical disability to qualify, nor do they have to be accompanied by sibling or schoolmate. We have found that this session provides children with a wealth of compassion and understanding of individual differences. Activities and programs are planned and implemented for children between the ages of 6-13. Daily activities will include swimming, archery, creative arts and crafts, recreation, nature study, and music and drama. Other special programming will include a Water Carnival with a special surprise, Stories, and Carnival Games.

*Respite III* August 2 - August 3 Adults 18 & Up This weekend is planned ONLY for those campers attending both Session VI—A and Session V. Partial registration is not permitted. Only 40 campers are eligible to enroll in this weekend; registration is based on a first come, first serve basis.

## **Session V** August 3 - August 9 Adults 18 & Up

This is the last week of camp for the summer. Camper Capacity is 80. Daily Activities will include swimming, canoeing, archery, creative arts and crafts, recreation, nature, music and drama, and ropes course. Evening Programs will include Talent Show (this is THE Big One, Big Prizes), Game Show Night, Council Fire, and Big Dance - A Night Under The Sea.



# Mark Your Calendar!

Remaining Respite Dates for 2003

Fall

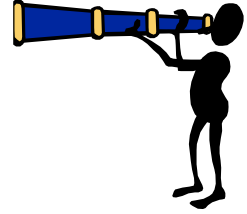
September 19-21

October 24-26

November 14-16

Holiday Camp

December 27- January 2



**Send in your  
Registration  
TODAY!**



**Summer Sessions  
are filling up  
fast!**



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